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DEFENCE BUDGET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of defence expenditure of India as compared to the neighbouring countries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to hike its defence budget in view of the increase in defence expenditure of the neighbouring countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The Defence Budget of the neighbouring countries as per the available information, is as under −

(in billion US $)

	2008	2009	2010
China	61.53	70.79	78.36
Pakistan	3.43	4.39	6.40
Sri Lanka	1.45	1.53	NA
Bangladesh	1.14	1.27	1.48
Nepal	0.20	0.21	0.25

The total allocation under the Defence Services Estimates, for India is as under −

	Rs. in crores	In billion US $#
2008-2009	105600.00	23.79
2009-2010	141703.00	31.93
2010-2011	147344.00	33.20
2011-2012	164415.49	37.05

= Assuming the current rate of dollar to rupee conversion of Rs. 44.38 to a dollar.

(b) to (d): The budgetary projections for the Defence Services are made on the basis of an assessment of their requirement for force building/modernization, development of critical combat capabilities within the emerging geostrategic environment and overall national policy. Keeping these factors in view, the allocation for the Defence Services has risen steadily from of Rs.105600 crore in 2008-09 to Rs.164415.49 crore in the current year.